

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE--EXAMINING GROUP 2618**

Attorney Docket No. 9314-59

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: VanEpps, Jr. et al.
Application No.: 10/723,776
Filed: November 26, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2618
Confirmation No.: 9674
Examiner: Christian A. Hannon

For: **METHODS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCTS FOR GENERATING AN ALERT SIGNAL BASED ON A
SOUND METRIC FOR A NOISE SIGNAL**

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Sir:

Applicants provide the present Response to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2006.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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